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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

- 1) US 6,487,272 (corresponds to JP-2000 306533)
- 2) US 4,870,671 (corresponds to EP 0 366 372)
- 3) WO 01/99478
- 4) DE 196 33 860
- 5) EP 0 77 255

References 1 -3 are in the English language and therefore need no further discussion as to their relevance. In accordance with US Patent law and practice, it is no longer necessary to enclose copies of US patent references.

Reference 4 discloses a method that produces X-ray radiation by accelerating the electrons emitted by the cathode and guiding on a rotating anode to initiate radiation. The target substance located on the rotating anode is applied at timed and geometrically selected intervals in the effective region of the electron beam. The selected time intervals

are produced by interruptions in the target substance, which is moved in the effective region of the electron beam. This movement is a rotation, arranged in a circle, with the target substance applied on one or more interrupted traces. The rotational speeds and the geometric measurements of the target substance, with the interruptions, determine the pulse width or the pulse train frequency of the x-ray radiation.

Reference 5 discloses an x-ray tube that has an electron source for emission of electrons and an anode body with a conical through-channel for the electrons, whose inlet opening which faces the electron source, is larger than its outlet opening. The channel is arranged and designed so that the electrons are scattered towards the outlet opening when incident at a small angle on a surface of the channel. A target element is arranged after the outlet opening in the direction of flight of the electrons. X-rays are formed in the target when impacted by electrons.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith (other than US patent references) along with the form PTO-1449.

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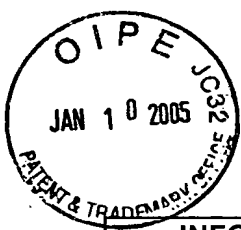
Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Patent Number Pub. Number	Issue Date Pub. Date	Patentee	Class	Subclass	Filing Date
	1	6,487,272	11/26/2002	Kutsuzawa			2/4/2001
	2	4,870,671	9/26/1989	Hershyn			10/25/1988

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Document Number	Publication Date	Country or Patent Office	Class	Subclass	Translation
							Yes No
	3	WO 01/99478	27 Dec 2001	WIPO			X
	4	DE 196 33 860	20 Feb 1997	Germany			X
	5	EP 0 77 255	04 Jun 1997	Europe			X

OTHER PRIOR ART & NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS		
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